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WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS TO SAM 86971 FOR SECRETARY SIMON

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM ROME DATED JULY 11, 1974 SENT

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON

FOR TREASURY, SECRETARY SIMON

1. I LEARNED FROM PRESS REPORTS OF YOUR INTENDED TRAVEL TO THE MID-EAST AND SUBSEQUENT STOPOVER IN A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN CAPITALS, NOT INCLUDING ROME, FOR DISCUSSIONS OF THE MID-EAST OIL SITUATION AND ON OIL PRICE IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIES OF EUROPE.

2. SINCE ITALY IS VITALLY AFFECTED BY THESE ISSUES, I BELIEVE THAT A BRIEF VISIT BY YOU TO ROME AFTER YOUR MID-EAST VISITS TO CONFER WITH MINISTER TREASURY COLOMBO WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. SUCH
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A VISIT WOULD PROVIDE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF FOLLOW-THROUGH BASED

ON SECRETARY KISSINGR'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT HERE LAST WEEK.
IT WILL SHOW THAT WE ARE TAKING A VERY REAL INTEREST IN ITALY'S
PRECARIOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION. YOUR VISIT NEED NOT IMPLY ANY
COMMITMENTS, BUT WOULD CONNOTE A SOLID EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
AND GIVE MEANING TO THE CONCEPT ON SERIOUS CONSULTATION WITH
OUR ALLIES.

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF ABRIEF STOPOVER WOULD BE POSSIBLE AND
WHAT DATES IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE
GOI. VOLPE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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